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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

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because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:

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Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.

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The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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1. claims: 1-15,17-19,22-24

A culture method for producing a defined enzyme mixture and/or metabolite mixture and a method for the cultivation of microorganisms at equal growth rates

2. claims: 16,20,21

A method for the conservation of enzyme mixtures produced in a solid state fermentation

3. claims: 25-31

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